

EPA On Path to Eliminate Backlog of New Chemicals Awaiting EPA Approval

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## Reviewing New Chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

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## Statistics for the New Chemicals Review Program under TSCA

On June 22, 2016, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act amended the review of new chemical notices under section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This page provides a summary of the submissions received and actions taken under TSCA before and after the date of enactment.

Statistics under Amended TSCA

Statistics Prior to June 22, 2016

### Statistics under Amended TSCA

EPA is moving swiftly to reduce the backlog of manufacturers' new chemical requests or pre-manufacturing notices (PMNs) in the EPA review period 90-day review period. To achieve this, EPA has added temporary new staff **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process** to make the process more efficient and to improve manufacturers' certainty in the process and timelines.

At any one time, EPA typically has an average of 300 new chemical cases under review. As the Agency makes final determinations on chemicals already in the review process, decreasing the case load, new requests are being submitted which increases the case load. When the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act passed on June 22, 2016, EPA had 334 new chemical cases under review. These cases needed to be reassessed under the new law, thus adding to the Agency's average case load and creating a "backlog."

EPA is adding new content below, which will be updated weekly, in an effort to be more transparent to the public on the status of the Agency's reviews and to allow submitters to determine the disposition of their cases as quickly as possible. EPA is committed to working with PMN submitters early in the process to provide more predictability and to begin any necessary discussions earlier in the process with the expectation that submitters and EPA can work together to decrease the time needed to complete each review.

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### Eliminating the Backlog: Actuals and Projected Progress\*

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